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1. DEPUTY HEAD OF THE FRG MISSION IN EAST BERLIN BRAUTIGAM HAS AGAIN EXPRESSED TO US PRIVATELY A NOTE OF PESSIMISM CONCERNING THE FUTURE COURSE OF INNER-GERMAN NEGOTIATIONS (SEE REFTEL).

2. THE PROBLEMS ON THE WEST GERMAN SIDE, BRAUTIGAM SAID, ARE MAINLY FINANCIAL. NEITHER THE CABINET NOR THE WEST GERMAN PUBLIC IS LIKELY TO FAVOR THE AMOUNT OF FINANCING SOUGHT BY THE GDR AT A TIME OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC PINCH IN THE FRG. THE NEXT TWO MONTHS IN INNER-GERMAN NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE CRUCIAL, BRAUTIGAM SAID, AND SHOULD MAKE THE SITUATION CLEAR TO THE EAST GERMANS. A FURTHER PROBLEM, IN BRAUTIGAM'S OPINION, IS THAT THE FRG HAS ENTERED INTO "TOO MANY NEGOTIATIONS" WITH THE GDR.

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3. BRAUTIGAM BELIEVES, MOREOVER, THAT GDR FIRST SECRETARY HONECKER LEFT HELSINKI WITH UNDULY HIGH EXPECTATIONS AFTER MEETING WITH CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT. ACCORDING TO BRAUTIGAM, HONECKER DESCRIBED IN DETAIL MANY OF THE EAST GERMAN OBJECTIVES IN CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS. SCHMIDT, HOWEVER, INSTEAD OF INDICATING THE LIMITATIONS OF FRG POSITIONS, APPARENTLY LISTENED PASSIVELY AND CONVEYED AN IMPRESSION OF ACQUIESCENCE. AN OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS REALITIES WAS THUS MISSED. THE RESULT, IN BRAUTIGAM'S VIEW IS THAT HONECKER WILL BE IN FOR SOMETHING OF A SHOCK WHEN THE DIMENSIONS OF FRG POSITIONS BECOME APPARENT. HONECKER MAY ATTEMPT A DIRECT FOLLOW-UP WITH SCHMIDT TO GAIN FURTHER CONCESSIONS.

4. BRAUTIGAM BELIEVES THAT FRG/GDR RELATIONS ARE AGAIN LIKELY TO EXPERIENCE A PERIOD OF COOLING OFF, PARTLY BECAUSE OF THE SLOW PROGRESS AND GDR DISAPPOINTMENT TO BE EXPECTED IN NEGOTIATIONS, BUT ALSO BECAUSE OF WHAT HE TERMED "UNCERTAIN SIGNALS" TO THE GDR LEADERSHIP FROM MOSCOW. BRAUTIGAM THINKS IT LIKELY THAT THE GDR WILL REFRAIN FROM SIGNIFICANT INITIATIVES WITH THE FRG UNTIL AFTER THE SOVIET PARTY CONGRESS NEXT YEAR. COOPER

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